



Birkie Bulletin

Summer 2025

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Upcoming Events...

MOUNT BOGONG CONQUESTATHON



DATE: SATURDAY 1ST MARCH, 2025



START: MOUNTAIN CREEK CAMP GROUND, TAWONGA



DISTANCE: 21KM



ELEVATION: 1430M VERTICAL CLIMB



MOUNT BOGONG SUMMIT 1986M ASL



START TIME: 7AM



Walk it or Run it, the Conquestathon is the ultimate single day 21km return trek to the summit of Victoria's highest mountain, Mount Bogong (1986m). 2025 will be the 45th staging of the

Mount Bogong Conquestathon.

Funds are being raised for the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Search and Rescue. This crew of amazing volunteers assist police to locate people that get lost in our alpine areas. They are experienced bushwalkers, back country and cross-country skiers and mountaineers who have had specialist search and rescue training.

For more details and to enter please visit:

Mount Bogong Conquestathon

Birkie Bits...

BNSC members **Hannah Price** and **Adam Barnett** recently competed at the World University Games in Torino-Pragelato, Italy. They were part of the Australian team of 7 athletes, which also included Bentley Walker-Broose, Fedele de Campo, Isabella Moon, Noah Bradford, and Vincent de Souza.

Hannah placed 35th in the Women's 10k Free event and 22nd in the 20k Classic. Adam came 48th in the Men's 10k Free event, 56th in the 20k Classic, and 5th in the 4 x 7.5k relay along with Fedele, Noah and Bentley.

BNSC member, **Phil Bellingham**, recently completed the grueling Tour de Ski in Italy, finishing all seven stages in 57th place overall. Phil was joined at the event by Bentley Walker-Broose and Seve de Campo. Bentley managed to finish 6 of the 7 stages while Seve completed his second Tour de Ski, finishing in 52nd place overall.

Another BNSC member, **Katrina Deakin**, is competing for the Ski

Another BNSC member, **Katerina Paul**, is skiing for the SKI Classics Pro Team BSV Ibex again in 2025. She recently finished 31st in the Engadin La Diagonela, a 55k Classic race in Switzerland despite breaking a pole.

For more info on how the AUS XC athletes are doing overseas visit:

Snow Australia



Jacob Huseby conducting a waxing clinic in 2024.

Jacob Huseby will be returning to Falls Creek in 2025 to coach XC skiing for Snow Australia and BNSC. The AGL Community Fund Programme have given BNSC a grant of \$5k to be combined with \$5k of BNSC money to pay part of the wages for Jacob.

FOR JACOB.

Jacob will start in May doing dryland training with BNSC juniors and seniors as well as doing outreach work in local schools. During the ski season Jacob will be working with Vic based national team members but will also make time for regular on snow coaching for BNSC interested juniors and masters, as well as local schools.

It is great to have Jacob coming back to Falls Creek, his passion and professionalism is a great boon to our community. Watch this space for more details as winter looms.

Also in the grant space is the news that the Bendigo Bank have also given BNSC a grant for \$5k. This money can only be used for equipment or hard goods. We are still working on what exactly the grant will be spent on, but current ideas are:

- Snow fencing
- WIFI in the clubhouse and Race Hut
- Race radios
- Website upgrades





The Australian contingent at Vasaloppet China Vasa Night celebration.

BNSC was well represented at the Vasaloppet China on 4 January 2025 with six members taking part in either the 50km or 25km events, including Kerry Lucas, Kat Paul, Marg Hayes, Bruce Wharrie, Andrew & Mary Hall. It was a great experience skiing the track through the Jingyuetan National Forest, seeing the amazing snow sculptures, and meeting so many friendly people. The day was topped off by a memorable evening of food and entertainment. Thank you to our generous Vasaloppet China hosts for sharing their event and culture with us.

To learn more about this Worldloppet event in China visit:

Vasaloppet China

Falls Creek Lakeside Development





Following a lengthy hearing to consider objections to the planning decision to grant a permit for the redevelopment of the ANARE Shed at Falls Creek, VCAT has made the decision to grant the permit. The permit is subject to conditions, however, none of the conditions address the impacts to XC skiing, including in relation to clearing BHP road in winter. For detailed information on the proposed redevelopment & to read the VCAT's findings visit:

[**Save Falls Creek**](#)

XCSAV Update

In her most recent update the President of XCSAV, Sandra Paul, provides further detail on the VCAT process and other initiatives XCSAV is working on. To read Sandra's update:

[**XCSAV President's Update**](#)

About us

2024/25 Committee

President – Andrew Hall

Vice President – Paul Gray

Secretary – Michelle Forrer

MEMBERSHIPS

Family \$75, Individual \$35, Junior or Student (not in a family membership) \$25, Associate* \$25. Annual membership period is 1st July to 30th June 2024. To

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